

Dear Life, Justice and Peace Contacts,

Joy of the Gospel - St. Patrick's Parish invites you to "Pope Francis, the Joy of the Gospel, and a Just Economy," on **Thursday, June 5th from 7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish**, 2702 Broadway Ave. E., Seattle. Offered ecumenically, this presentation will be rooted in the message of Pope Francis from his apostolic exhortation, the Joy of the Gospel. Michael Ramos, parishioner of St. Patrick's Parish and Executive Director of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, will offer some initial reflections. There will also be table conversation about the application of this message here and now. RSVPs are helpful but not required: mramos@thechurchcouncil.org.

Keep Pressure On for Immigration Reform- Please remember to utilize the prayer/advocacy resource for Pentecost, "On Fire for Immigration Reform," at www.seattlearchdiocese.org/jfi. This Friday will be another call-in day. Call the toll-free number 1-855-589-5698 and ask your Member of Congress to:

- * Vote for immigration reform,
- * Support a path to citizenship,
- * Preserve family unity, and
- * Employ safe and humane immigration enforcement practices.

Restorative Justice -- The Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors and national Catholic partners invite you to attend a five-day national conference on restorative justice in **St. Louis, July 20-24**. The theme of the 28th annual [Social Action Summer Institute](http://www.catholicroundtable.org) is: *Setting the Captives Free: Embracing Christ in the Victim, Offender & Community*.

Diocesan Social Action Directors, Parish Social Ministers and anybody with an interest in restorative justice are encouraged to come for the whole week, or even register for just a day or two. You can expect to learn more about the broad topic of restorative justice, Catholic Social Teaching, professional development, advocacy training, and resource-sharing and networking with people engaged in social action ministry around the country.

"Immersion Monday" is one of the highlights where participants will visit local prisons and agencies to witness restorative justice in action. Visit www.catholicroundtable.org to register online, get more information and see a day-by-day schedule of the conference. Please direct any questions to Greg Entwistle, Roundtable Coordinator, at 202-635-5828 or coordinator@catholicroundtable.org.

In Christ's peace,
Jim Thomas
Director of Life, Justice & Peace and Family Life